

MISER ROBBED, SLAIN, BURNED IN PERRY CO.

**Charred Body of Edward Muench
Is found in Pile of ashes twelve
Miles From Perryville--Banked
His Fortune in the Mattress of Bed**

TWO MEN LURKED AROUND THE STORE DAY BEFORE CRIME WAS COMMITTED

Youths Held by Prosecuting At- torney Hood Deny They Slew Aged Recluse--Report of Con- fession is Denied--Tragedy Stirs Whole Community.

Two men are in jail at Perryville suspected of being the parties who murdered Edward Muench, a merchant who lived twelve miles northeast of that city. The crime was committed early last week, and the arrests were made yesterday.

Mr. Muench, who was about 64 years old, was a miser and considered wealthy. His store was located in a somewhat desolate neighborhood, and he was patronized by furriers.

After the murder, efforts were made to burn his body, and when found, only charred bones and fragments of the robe were left.

He was last seen alive Saturday night, July 11. He was in his store at that time and waited on two farmers who live in that immediate vicinity, and who knew the aged merchant intimately.

He had long been looked upon as a very wealthy man, and reports had been current for many months that he had secreted the bulk of his fortune beneath his store building, which was little more than a cabin.

He slept in the building and lived all alone. He frequently remained as late as midnight, and sometimes wandered away from the building. The flicker of his candle was sometimes visible for miles away.

When last seen he was in good spirits, and stated that his business that day had been good. He was alone when the farmers rode away.

The next day, Sunday, he was not seen.

Friends called early Tuesday morning, and when they were unable to find any trace of the recluse, they notified other farmers and a search for him was instituted. Only a short distance from the store was found a pile of ashes and on top of these were charred bones and some broken particles of flesh.

A large portion of the body was covered, the burned skeleton and parts of this were cooked to a crisp. Beside the debris were parts of clothing and these were identified by friends of Muench.

Blood spatters on the grass nearby indicated that the man had been murdered and then the body was burned for the purpose of concealing the crime. An ax was found near the scene, and it was coated with blood.

As soon as the discovery was made, Prosecuting Attorney Hood, who lives at Perryville, was notified. He visited the scene of the tragedy with the other county officials, and after an investigation concluded that the aged man had been robbed and then murdered.

It is surmised that the slayers were acquaintances of Mr. Muench, but well known is any man in that part of the state. He had lived in that immediate vicinity for many years, and his store was considered almost a landmark.

Little was known of his history. He was man who paid his bills regularly and always settled them with cash. He was frequently seen carrying large rolls of greenbacks, and everyone who knew him brought him possessed a great fortune.

He had always been a man of eccentric habits, and when his neighbors said that he used the mattress of his bed for a bank, that was generally believed to be the case. While he never carried a large stock of goods, he did a rather large business, and if he deposited the money in a bank, his best friends do not know what bank he patronized.

But whether the men who murdered him got away with his money, no one knows. When the officers visited the scene after his charred body was found, there was no money in sight.

Several versions of the robbery and murder have been advanced. One county official thinks that the slayers shadowed the cabin all day and when late night came, they went to the store, peeped into the windows to watch the old man prepare for bed. This is believed to have been done for the purpose of ascertaining

Two cats, which were the only occupants of the house with Muench, were near the scene after the murder was discovered, and they have been cared for since the killing by friends of the old merchant.

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WANDERING STAR SHINES ON CAPE

**Phenomenon Visible for Fifteen Minutes And Many
Phone Tribune**

At about ten o'clock last night, many citizens were attracted by the appearance of a highly illuminated horizontal bar about ten feet long and perhaps a foot in width, that hung in the Eastern heavens for almost fifteen minutes.

Officer Tally, who viewed the unusual spectacle from Normal Hill, stated that it resembled an immense piece of iron at a red heat, and in the center the illumination seemed more brilliant, gradually lessening toward the ends.

The whole object after fading until almost invisible suddenly lightened up with renewed brilliancy, and then slowly faded from view.

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Numerous people in the downtown sections and along the river front were attracted by its appearance and none could offer an explanation of the unusual spectacle. In making its disappearance it did not make any noticeable descent, but just gradually faded from view.

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COAL, CAR, RUNS AMUCK,

Hits Another and These Two Push
Three More From Track.

A runaway coal car, yesterday afternoon bumped into a string of freight cars between the Cape Brewery & Ice Company plant and the Phillips Lumber Company on the Frisco switch.

A workman, who was unloading coal at the brewery, released the brakes which held the car safe on the incline, and the huge steel car dropped down the hill at high speed.

A refrigerator car, loaded with cement, stood in front of the Phillips Lumber Company, where it had been partially unloaded. The coal car struck the heavy laden coach and sent it bounding down the track.

The combined force of these two cars struck three more about one hundred yards down the grade and they were forced along at rapid speed.

As the string struck the curve just south of the lumber yards, the momentum forced them from the tracks. The rest of the day and a greater part of the night were consumed in jacking them back to position on the rails.

SHAMROCK IV ON WAY.

Falmouth, Eng., July 21.—Shamrock IV, with her convoy, the steam yacht Erin, the former under her own sail, left Falmouth tonight for the United States.

It is reported the next port of call of the challenger for the America's cup will be the Azores.

CITY'S STREET RAILWAY PAYS

San Francisco, July 21.—San Francisco's municipal street railroad, known as the Geary street line about six miles long, earned \$136,430.26 during the fiscal year ended June 30, according to figures just made public here.

MISSING MINER'S BODY FOUND

Herrin, Ill., July 21.—Officers in a wood four miles northwest of here found the body of Harry Kendall, young miner, who has been missing a month. Three bullet holes had pierced the body and a pistol with one empty shell and five loaded cartridges was dying beside him. Indications are that the man was murdered.

Mrs. Rosie Howard, formerly of this city, died yesterday morning at her home, near Burfordsville, Mo. The remains were brought to the Cape yesterday afternoon by Undertaker Martin Lorberg, and the body prepared for burial in his parlors.

Mrs. Howard had been sick but a short time, and her death came as an unexpected blow. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Heise of this city.

She was thirty-six years of age at the time of her death, and is survived by a husband, Ben Howard, and two small children.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Mrs. John Gold and Miss Effie Gold came up from Chaffee to do some shopping. They returned to their home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Christ of Chaffee spent Sunday in the Cape.

DR. PATTON HURT BY STREET CAR

**Former Mayor Falls While
Alighting From Coach and
is Badly Injured**

Dr. W. C. Patton, former Mayor of Cape Girardeau, and one of the best known physicians in the city, was thrown from a street car at Hanover and Wilmot streets yesterday afternoon, and seriously injured.

Dr. Patton, who was attempting to alight, slipped from a therapeps and plunged to the granite pavement, injuring his shoulder and back. He was picked up by friends and taken into the West End store and then removed to his home at 409 Thoms street, which cost \$100. His injuries, it was stated at his home last night, would keep him confined to the house for quite a while, but no serious developments are anticipated.

Dr. Patton was enroute to the hospital of a patient when the accident occurred. He was standing on the step of the street car, and was preparing to step to the ground when he fell.

He attempted to seize the handle of the coach when he slipped, and succeeded in preventing the force of the fall to strike his head. But he struck the street with great force, and was not able to move when picked up by friends who were aiding him.

The position of the President and Attorney General McReynolds was made public tonight through three letters, one from the Attorney General to President Hustis of the New Haven, dated July 9, one to President Wilson from Attorney General McReynolds, dated today, and the President's reply, which was written at the White House tonight.

The concluding paragraph of the President's letter reads: "In such circumstances the course that you propose is the only one the government can pursue. I therefore request and direct that a proceeding in equity be filed, seeking to dissolve the unlawful monopoly of transportation facilities in New England which are now maintained by the New Haven, and that criminal aspects of the case be laid before the grand jury."

In his letter to the President, McReynolds said: "The criminal aspects of the case have been kept constantly in mind. Much data bearing thereon has been collected some months ago and great care has been exercised to permit nothing which might interfere with proper prosecutions at the appropriate time to become public."

"We have not held out the slightest hope that the parties who are guilty of criminal violation of the law would escape," he added.

He described his assailants as being young negroes. "One of them he thought would weigh about 180 pounds, and the other was rather small. His eye was badly swollen as a result of the blow received, and his knuckles are damaged considerably from having come in contact with the negro's head."

After robbing their victim they backed away into the darkness, admonishing him to make no outcry.

As soon as possible he hastened back to Main street in search of an officer.

Patrolman Beebe was advised shortly after the occurrence and proceeded to the scene of the holdup but could find no trace of the offenders.

DROUGHT CUTS MELON CROP.

Bledsoe, Mo., July 21.—The water-melon crop in this vicinity has been estimated at 600 cars this year, 1400 short of the average year. Up to three weeks ago the outlook for a heavy crop was better than it has been in years, but the dry weather virtually has killed the vines of the first crop, causing premature ripening, and the melons will only average about 8 pounds each. If there is a good rain this week the second crop will be saved.

Near Bertrand, fifty miles from here also a large melon shipping point, there has been plenty of rain and the crop will be about as large as the average.

Another negro woman received slight cuts but was not hurt seriously.

The party who did the cutting is known to the police, but up to this time he has successfully avoided arrest.

TEACHER COWS BURGLAR

WITH RAZOR

New York, July 21.—Miss Mary L. Vincent, a Newark school teacher, with a razor in her hand stood guard over a burglar for half an hour while she waited for the police.

CENT A PIECE FOR RAT TAILS.

London, July 21.—The rat plague having become serious, the New port (Isle of Wight) Council has offered a cent apiece for rat tails.

ALTMAN LEFT \$11,694,308.

New York, July 21.—Official appraisal of the estate of the late Benjamin Altman, merchant, filed today, places the gross taxable value at \$11,694,308, and the net taxable value at \$9,605,617. Gifts to the Altman foundation, partly for the benefit of employees of the Altman store, were held to be exempt from the inheritance tax!

RESERVE BANK CHOICES

Washington, July 21.—The Treasury Department today announced that the following named have received a majority of votes of banks in their groups and districts for directors of Federal reserve banks:

W. D. Plunkett of Little Rock, Ark., group 2, class B, St. Louis district; Frank Fell, Wichita Falls, Tex., group 2 class B, Dallas district; A. B. C. Dohman, San Francisco, group 1, class B, and C. K. McIntosh, San Francisco, group 1, class A, both of San Francisco district.

WILSON ORDERS NEW HAVEN MEN BE PROSECUTED

President Tells Attorney

General to Take Case Before

the Grand Jury.

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PAIR HEAVILY ARMED
STOP CLEAR IN DARK

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Bruise Proleptic Youth and Then

One Holds Him While Other

Has Been Collecting Data

For Months

Kansas Election Officials See Tangle

Ahead.

NEGRO CAVES BLACK WOMAN

BITES OFF WIFE'S NOSE

IN JEALOUSY

Virginia, Minn., July 20.—Jealous of his wife's good looks and popularity, Mr. Maribeth of Mountain Iron bit the nose nearly off his wife's face after an argument. He escaped to the woods. Deputy Sheriff Moland and others have found no trace of him.

Mrs. Maribeth's nose was amputated at a hospital.

BITE OFF WIFE'S NOSE

DRESSES HER COW IN KIMONO

Chicago, July 20.—Humane officers decided it was none of their business if a woman wanted to dress her cow in a yellow kimono to protect her from the flies. Neighbors had kicked

J. A. Snider of Oak Ridge was a Cape visitor yesterday.

Baby And Frying-Sized Chick
Have Corking Time Together

back porch chirping like a jay.

When "Willie" sees his little friend he becomes as foolish as a pullet that has just laid her first egg.

"Willie" tries to cackle and tries to crow, and cuts enough dodos to make all of the other chickens totally disgusted with him.

Then Robert gets his share.

"Willie" will take two pecks and then he insists that Robert take a nibble.

When Robert refuses, "Willie"

becomes indignant, walks away,

sticks his head under a wing and pouts until Robert finally becomes sorry and does what "Willie" wanted him to do.

"Willie" will never be fried, as long as Mrs. Smith has anything to say about the house. "Willie" simply saves the Smith family the price of a nurse.